

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

On page 1, paragraph [0001] beginning on line 10, the Cross Reference to Related Applications section is amended as follows:

[0001] This U.S. Patent Application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application, 60/219,985, filed July 21, 2000, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/579,039, filed on May 26, 2000 and entitled SUPPLEMENTAL SPINE FIXATION DEVICE AND METHOD, now U.S. Patent No. 6,451,019 issued September 17, 2002 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/473,173 filed on December 28, 1999 and entitled SPINE DISTRACTION IMPLANT, now U.S. Patent No. 6,235,030 issued May 22, 2001 which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/179,570 filed on October 27, 1998 and entitled SPINE DISTRACTION IMPLANT, now U.S. Patent No. 6,048,342 issued April 11, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/175,645 filed on October 20, 1998 and entitled SPINE DISTRACTION IMPLANT, now U.S. Patent No. 6,068,630 issued May 30, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/958,281 filed on October 27, 1997 and entitled SPINE DISTRACTION IMPLANT AND METHOD, now U.S. Patent No. 5,860,977 issued January 19, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/778,093 filed January 2, 1997 entitled SPINE DISTRACTION IMPLANT AND METHOD, now U.S. Patent No. 5,836,948 issued November 17, 1998. All of the above applications and patents are incorporated herein by reference.